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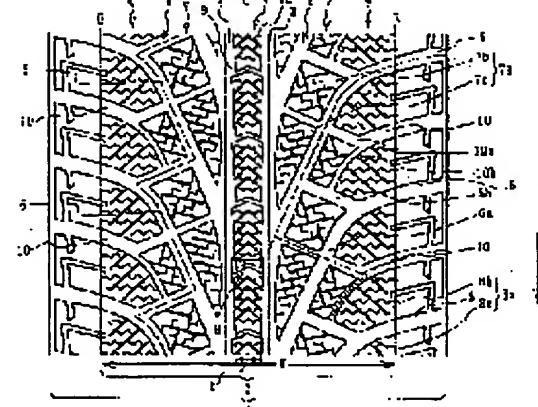
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(54) PNEUMATIC TIRE

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To enhance both the drainage performance and the on-snow performance of a winter tire.

SOLUTION: A pair of linear grooves 3, zigzag grooves 5 and inclined main grooves 6 are provided. Each of the zigzag grooves 5 is formed of long side portions 5a and short side portions 5b. At least some of the long side portions and the inclined main grooves 6 share common sections. The long side portions 5a extend away from one another from bottom to top and the short side portions 5b extend toward one another from bottom to top. The long side portions 5a and the short side portions 5b are at acute angles to the circumferential direction of the tire. The distance of each zigzag groove 5 from the tread center C is 17 to 35% of the width T of the tread.



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